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Serial No.: 10/782,289

Examiner: Leon Yun Bon Lum

Filing Date: February 18, 2004

Group Art Unit: 1641

Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR ASSESSING A SAMPLE BY MALDI MASS  
SPECTROMETRY

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- ☒ Response/Amendment ☐ Petition to extend time to respond  
☐ New fee as calculated below ☐ Supplemental Declaration  
☒ No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Amendments")  
☐ Other: (Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X 50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X 200	\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ 360	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1 <sup>ST</sup> MONTH 120.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <sup>ND</sup> MONTH 450.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <sup>RD</sup> MONTH 1020.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <sup>TH</sup> MONTH 1590.00 <input type="checkbox"/>		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

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<b>RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	10031188 - 1
	Confirmation No.	4020
	First Named Inventor	Viorica Lopez - Avila
	Application Number	10/782,269
	Filing Date	February 18, 2004
	Group Art Unit	1641
	Examiner Name	Lum, Leon Yun Bon
	Title	Methods and Compositions for Assessing a Sample by MALDI Mass Spectrometry

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 2006, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 17, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.